

that Side, raised another Fascine Battery, and had got some 42 Pounders already there, and began to play them on the Town and Battery the Day that Capt. Smith came away, which being within a Point-blank Shot, must not only damage the said Battery and Town on that Side, but much annoy the Enemy in the Works they are carrying on within to hinder our Approaches at the West Gate; so that the Town was now exposed to continual Fires, which had beat down many Houses with the Roofs, &c. of the principal ones; and in that Way done as much Damage as could be expected. — We rather have sure Intelligence, that our People in reconnoitering the Shores, Harbour, &c. had discovered a Number of Cannon on the Light-house Side of the Harbour, in the Water, just below Low Water Mark; which as is supposed were designed for a Battery to be built at the Light-house this Year; but upon the Discovery of our Fleet, tumbled down the Precipice into the Sea, to prevent their falling into our Hands: But notwithstanding our People were exposed to the Island Battery, they had weighed most of them up; for the securing of which, and the building a Fascine Battery there, a proper Detachment was posted: But to prevent the Recovery of these Cannon, the Enemy had sallied from the Town, and about 100 of them in Boats landed on the Light-house Point, who were no sooner on Shore, but a Party of ours got between them and their Boats, so that they fled immediately into the Woods for Shelter, their Return to the Town being impossible; one of these was taken Prisoner, who proved to be a Seaman belonging to a Snow from France, that got into the Harbour in a Fog; undiscovered by our Cruizers, from whom they got Intelligence, that an Armament was coming from Breit to reinforce that Place, and proceed to Annapolis-Royal, consisting of 3 Men of War, a 70 Gun Ship, two of 56 Guns, and two Company-Ships of 36 Guns each.

And we have further certain Accounts, that on the 18th ult. the Mermaid, Capt. Douglass, of 40 Guns, and the Shirley Galley, Capt. Rouse, one of our Cruizers, fell in with a French Man of War, and engaged her, the former Broadside and Broadside; and the latter being too small to lie along-side, and going well, annoyed her a-stern, or a-head, or on the Quarter, as he could best; and as she proved a Ship of Force, and they knowing how the Commodore bore of them, fought and failed till they fell in with him and the Fleet; but Night coming on, it was 9 o'Clock before the Commodore got along-side near enough to engage, when after 2 or 3 Broad-sides she struck, and asked for Quarters, and was the next Day secured: She is called the Vigilant, a new Ship, having never been at Sea before, of 64 Guns and 560 Men, and was commanded by the Marquis du Mailfontort; but the Command of her is now given to Capt. Douglass, who so gallantly engaged her in the Mermaid, and the Command of the Mermaid to Mr. Montague. It is unknown of what Consequence the Capture of this Ship is, as she proves to be laden with warlike Stores of all Kinds for supporting a Siege, reinforcing their Fortifications, and the supplying of the Indians; amongst which are a great Number of heavy Cannon, with their Materials, besides small Arms, Bomb-shells, Bombs, &c. even down to an Indian Hatchet; and exclusive of the Ship's Provision, 1000 Half-Barrels of Gunpowder; 'tis so said, she has on board 3 Years Pay, and all the Cloathing for the Garrisons at Cape Breton and Canada; and as there is a good Look-out for the Remainder of those Ships, it is not doubted but they will meet the same Fate. The Vigilant, had been, in her Passage from France, 2 large Ships from South Carolina, laden with Rice for London, which are daily expected here. After this Ship was taken, she was, with a great Number of Flags of all Sorts, towed in Procession across the Entrance of the Harbour by the Mermaid, in View of the Town, into Chapparrouge Bay; and as the Enemy's Depend-

ance must have been on the Arrival of these Ships, seeing their Commodore taken must intimidate them much. There is a Person of Distinction on board, but whether it be a new Governor, or M. Duvivier in Disguise, was not discovered when Captain Smith came away. The Fleet now consists of the Superb and Princess Mary of 60 Guns each; the Mermaid, Launceston, Eltham, and Hector, of 40 Guns each; the Bien-Amie of 24 Guns; three Ships of 20 Guns each; three Snows of 20 Guns each; one Brigantine; and the Rhode Island and Connecticut Colony Sloops; all well mann'd and fitted; equal to which, it is not to be supposed that any Force will come from France this Year. — Two Men of War and Capt. Snelling have taken a Ship from France, laden with Stores and Provisions, in one of the Eastern Harbours; as hath the Rhode Island Sloop a Brig. laden also with Provisions.

By the Way of Piscataqua we hear, that 3 Men of War are arrived at Newfoundland from England, bound to join Commodore Warren at Cape Breton. And that on the 8th of May last, at Durham and the adjacent Towns, they had the most violent Lightning and Thunder ever known, with great Rains and Hail; whereby 3 Persons were killed at 3 different Places; and several Travellers were struck off their Horses by the Lightning, but recovered again.

The French and Indians have raised the Siege of Annapolis-Royal, and drawn off.

A great Fire happened last Month at Port St. Pierre in Martinico, which consumed 220 Houses, in the most trading Part of the Town.

PHILADELPHIA, June 13.

By a Letter from London, we learn that the Parliament proceeds vigorously in the Enquiry into the Conduct of the Fleet in the Mediterranean: That they had resolved to bring in a Bill for granting a Sum of Money to any Person or Persons, who shall discover the N. W. Passage: And that they show a greater Disposition for regulating and advancing of Trade, than has been seen for some Years past.

They are raising 6 or 700 Men in New-England, to reinforce the Army at Cape Breton; besides Seamen to man the Vigilant.

ANNAPOLIS.

By a Letter from Scotland to a Gentleman here, we have an Account that John Irwin, a Person well-known in this Province, (particularly for his wonderful Dispatch and Integrity in taking up Runaways, and for his remarkable Good-Nature in sometimes helping them off), was hanged at Edinburgh, in November last, for a Robbery and Murder by him committed on the Highway.

The Juliana, Spencer; the Revolution, Mills; and the Swan, Whitepair; all bound from Maryland to Biddeford, have been taken: The two former are carried into St. Sebastian's; and the latter into Morlaix.

Last Week at Calvert County Court, three Negroes received Sentence of Death, one for Horse-stealing, the other two for robbing a Store; but they have been since reprieved by his Excellency the Governor.

A Letter from Philadelphia, dated the 16th Instant, informs us, that by a Treaty from Ireland, they have public Prints to the 26th of April, which day, That General Bathian in Bavaria, has gained a complete Victory over the French and Bavarians; in consequence whereof, the young Elector has retired, and sues for Peace. — That the King of Prussia, by the Mediation of the Czarina, has proposed Terms of Accommodation to the Queen of Hungary, which Prince Charles had answered by opening the Campaign in Silesia, upon the 10th of April.

That the Genes have signed a Neutrality with the King of Sardinia. — That the allied Army in Flanders have offered Baille to the French several Times, but the latter have as often declined it. — That the Right Hon. the Lord Balc-